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Cc: [Noreen Walsh](#); [Bridget Fahey](#)
Subject: RE: WAFWA Non Game and Endangered Species Committee
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Gary,

Thanks Gary. We will leave the Grizzly bear item more ambiguous. See attached draft agenda.

Jeff

From: Frazer, Gary [mailto:gary_frazer@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 7:51 PM
To: Hagener, Jeff
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Subject: Re: WAFWA Non Game and Endangered Species Committee

Thanks for the heads up, Jeff. I will be at the summer WAFWA meeting for only the ESA Joint Task Force meeting at the front end, but Bridget Fahey, one of my Division chiefs, will be there for the full meeting and will be happy to tag team with Noreen to address these issues.

I suspect you or your folks know Bridget from her time in Region 6, where she worked on endangered species issues for a number of years before I managed to lure her away to the ivory towers of FWS HQ.

I would suggest, however, that you not tee up a discussion of adequate regulatory mechanisms associated with the GYE grizzly delisting at this Committee meeting. We're in the midst of the rulemaking process, we are likely to be challenged if we proceed to delist, and continued discussion of the regulatory mechanisms issue would be best reserved for a smaller group of the Service and the affected States. We can certainly provide an update on the general status of the rule at the Committee meeting, though.

Best -- Gary

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On Wed, Jun 15, 2016 at 6:15 PM, Hagener, Jeff <JHagener@mt.gov> wrote:
Noreen and Gary,

I have been fleshing out an agenda for the upcoming WAFWA NGES Committee in Cody in July. The Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday July 25 from 1:30 til 5 (I doubt if it will go all the way til 5).

I have had requests for the FWS to update the committee on the following items:

- Proposed new FWS Mitigation Policy
- Revisions to regulations for listing petitions
- Update on Programmatic EIS for take under Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

Wolverines – where is FWS headed with this? Possibility of a 10j rule
Grizzly Bear delisting rule status and what is required by ESA in terms of regulatory certainty

White Nose Syndrome – is it likely to lead to more species petitioned for listing under ESA

Hopefully, one of you (or another FWS representative) will be in attendance and plant to discuss these topics and any others pertinent to this committee. I will get my finalized agenda to you as soon as I have it put together.

Thanks,

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